

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action mailed December 2, 2004. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this Application.

Claims 1-30 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claim 44 of U.S. Patent No. 6,650,652. Attached herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome this rejection.

Applicant notes that the present Application inadvertently included two separate instances of Claim 3. The first instance of Claim 3 is being canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other apparent reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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